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S R B J E C T : SUDAN VIEWS ON LAW OF SEA CONFERENCE

REF: A. STATE 169685, B. KHARTOUM 2325, C. KHARTOUM 1596

1. DCM MET WITH OMAR AL-SHEIKH, CHIEF, LEGAL DIVISION MFA, JULY 28 TO REVIEW RESULTS SIXTH SESSION OF UN LAW OF SEA CONFERENCE. AL-SHEIKH WAS SECOND RANKING MEMBER SUDANDEL AND HE HEADED IT IN ABSENCE ATTORNEY GENERAL HASSAN OMAR. DCM LEFT COPY OF REF A AS WELL AS ITEM IN JULY 26 WIRELESS FILE REPORTING ON AMBASSADOR RICHARDSON'S REMARKS TO CONGRESS.

2. AL-SHEIKH LEFT NEW YORK AT END OF SESSION, BEFORE COMPOSITE TEXT AVAILABLE; THEREFORE HE COULD NOT COMMENT DIRECTLY ON IT. HOWEVER, IN GENERAL HE SHARED US VIEW THAT WHILE EVENSEN TEXT WAS NOT PERFECT, IT DID PROVIDE SOMETHING AROUND WHICH COMPROMISE COULD BE REACHED. HE WAS DISAPPOINTED THAT IT HAD BEEN PUT ASIDE AND HE SHARED OUR VIEW THAT PROCEDURES OBSERVED IN ISSUING COMPOSITE TEXT WERE CONFIDENTIAL

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OBJECTIONABLE. HE INDICATED HE WOULD BE PREPARING FINAL REPORT AND THAT HE, ATTORNEY GENERAL AND OTHER MEMBERS SUDANDEL WOULD BE PREPARING FORMAL REVIEW OF SIXTH SESSION SOON. HE SAID HE WOULD URGE SUDANGOV TO FIRM ITS POSITIONS ON VARIOUS ISSUES SO THAT IT COULD PLAY MORE MEANINGFUL ROLE AT NEXT SESSION. HE NOTED THAT AT SIXTH SESSION SUDANDEL LACKED GUIDANCE AND AUTHORITY TO MAKE

POLITICALLY DIFFICULT DECISIONS THAT WOULD HAVE ALLOWED MORE FLEXIBILITY.

3. COMMENT: REMARKS BY OMAR AL-SHEIKH AND ATTORNEY GENERAL (REF B) INDICATE SUDANGOV POSITION IS ON BALANCE MODERATE AND THAT SUDANESE, FOR THEIR PART, WOULD LIKE TO REACH COMPROMISE AGREEMENT WITH DEVELOPED COUNTRIES. HOWEVER, AS NOTED REF B, SUDANESE FEEL ILL-PLACED TO CHALLENGE G-77 RADICALS. DCM HAS URGED THEM NOT RPT NOT TO FOLLOW RADICAL LEAD BLINDLY. EMBASSY BELIEVES SUDANGOV SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED TO CONTINUE ITS MODERATE POSITION AND EFFORT SHOULD BE MADE TO STIFFEN ITS BACKBONE AGAINST RADICALS. SUGGEST DEPT KEEP THESE VIEWS IN MIND AS IT PREPARES FOR NEXT SESSION IN GENEVA NEXT MARCH. BASED ON OUTCOME OF SIXTH SESSION, APPEARS US WILL NEED ALL THE SUPPORT IT CAN GAIN AND THEREFORE, ALTHOUGH SUDANGOV IS NOT HEAVYWEIGHT IN LOS MATTERS, WE BELIEVE OUR INTERESTS WILL BE SERVED BY CONSULTING CLOSELY WITH MEMBERS SUDANDEL WITH HOPE IT CAN PLAY MORE POSITIVE ROLE IN GENEVA SESSION.  
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